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Church News

APRIL COLLECTIONS.

The month of April is set apart in the General Assembly's schedule for collections for Education for the Ministry. Remit to John Stites, Treasurer, Louisville, Ky.

CHILDREN'S DAY FOR 1909.

The date appointed by the General Assembly for Children's Day this year is May 23. An attractive program with hymns, reading, recitations and mite boxes will be ready by April 15. It will be well for Sunday schools to place their orders at once. All this literature is furnished free, postage prepaid. In making order be careful to give name of your church and Presbytery; and say whether you are near an express office.

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CHINA.

News reaches us of a distressing accident by which Rev. W. F. Junkin, of Suchien sustained a fracture of a thigh. He was going by mule cart with Rev. Messrs. Caldwell and Graham from Suchien to Hsuechowfu when the mule turned the cart over and Mr. Junkin was caught under it in the fall. Beside the fracture, he had a slight cut on the head, but no more serious injury. The party improvised a litter of a door from a Chinese hut and hired eight coolies to carry him back to Suchien about thirty-five miles. By forced marching through the night, they arrived at Suchien the next day about breakfast time. Mrs. Patterson, M. D., and Dr. Yang, whom Dr. Bradley left in charge of the hospital in his absence, with the other gentlemen reduced the fracture.

Mr. Patterson is reported sick with pneumonia, but is better at the last news. It is hoped these servants of God will make speedy and entire recovery.

ARKANSAS.

Walnut Ridge: Rev. Wm. H. Richardson writes: "In assisting Rev. R. H.

Latham in a meeting, I found a most sympathetic and earnest worker, one who has had considerable experience in evangelistic efforts. He is chairman of the Home Mission Committee of Arkansas Presbytery, and gives one-half of his time to this work. Three services were held daily and the attendance increased until the court house had to be secured. Fourteen children were baptized and eight members received, \$545 was raised to pay off the debt and repair the manse; \$18.05 for incidentals and \$44.92 for Presbyterian Home Mission work. The church has an active Ladies' Aid Society, who largely paid for the manse and gave \$200 of the \$545. My next appointment is at Earle, Ark.

GEORGIA.

Americus: The statistical report of this church, of which Rev. J. L. Irvin is pastor, is in part as follows: Communicants added during the year, twenty-three; contributions, foreign missions, \$400; home missions, \$85; other causes, \$338; congregational, \$1,500; Sunday school, \$375. Average of contributions per member of church, twenty-eight dollars against nineteen dollars last year.

Columbus: The First Church made for the church year just closed one of the best financial records in its history. Offerings for foreign missions were \$945; for local home missions, including cost of mission chapel not included in report to Presbytery, \$1,772; for other causes, \$600; for congregational expenses, \$7,360; total, \$10,677. Additions to the membership were only twenty-six, or about one-third of the average of the three preceding years. The Sabbath school enrollment was 333, home department 159; total, 492; church membership, 500. All societies of the church made encouraging reports.

Atlanta, North Avenue Church.—At a congregational meeting, last Sunday, the following elders were elected: Messrs. J. K. Orr, J. T. Stephenson, W. F. Plane, Judge E. C. Kontz, J. W. Whitman and B. S. Crane. As deacons the election resulted in the choice of J. Morton, Charles Whitner, Victor Smith, J. S. Cameron, C. A. Anderson and James Reeves. This will give added strength to these boards of officers.

—Dr. E. O. Guerrant lectured at the North Avenue church at night on the aspects of the mountain work. His old fire and zeal remain unabated and he seems as young in spirit as he was thirty years ago. He has had remarkable evidences of God's blessing on his preaching in the conversions of men who appeared to be beyond the reach of any human influences.

—At the Central Church the installation services of Dr. Dunbar H. Ogden have been arranged for the evening of June 6. An effort will be made to have the two recent pastors, whom the church so greatly loves, present on that occasion.

—At the Georgia Avenue Church Rev. E. D. Brownlee has begun a series of meetings to continue daily during the week. The pastor, Mr. Williams, welcomed one new member last Sunday. The Sunday school has grown, till it now ranks fourth in numbers in the city of Atlanta.

First Church, Macon.—The pastor, Rev. R. E. Douglas, welcomed twenty-seven new members into the church at the

April communion. There have been no special services. These members came in from Sabbath to Sabbath by letter and on profession of faith. Many of these are the heads of families. While this church has felt very keenly the loss of some of her best material, which has been used in the organizations formed in the city during the past few years, she has sympathized with and fostered every effort made to colonize, and looking back over the year which has just closed, thanks God for one of the best and most useful years in her long history.

Vineville Church, Macon: Sunday April 4, was a great day with this church. Several weeks ago a meeting of men was held and a movement inaugurated to raise \$15,000 to erect a church and Sunday school building. A week of prayer was held, concluding with a woman's prayer meeting on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning the pledges were handed in after services and \$10,000 was announced. During the next two days \$1,000 more was pledged. We are thankful to him who is "the giver of every good and perfect gift," for this result. It is planned to have as near as possible an ideal Sunday school. Mr. G. T. Kinnett is treasurer of the building committee, and Mr. T. S. Lowry is superintendent of the Sunday school.

KENTUCKY.

Nicholasville: The annual reports from this church to the Presbytery of West Lexington were excellent. Advances have been made along all the lines of church work. The Sunday school is especially prosperous. The home department has been organized, also a mission study class with a teacher training class. Ten young people have been received into the church in the last week on profession of their faith. Mr. Browne of the Forward Movement was here recently and more than \$500, was subscribed for the mission work.

Louisville: Dr. Egbert Watson Smith, pastor of the Second Church, was warmly welcomed last Sunday, on his return from a week's visit to the Pacific coast.

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans: The pulpit of the First Church has been supplied the past two Sundays by Rev. H. A. Brownlee, of Clinton and Rev. D. L. Temple.

—The First Street German Church, Rev. Lewis Voss pastor, received ten members on profession, and the Second German Church, Rev. Jacob Meier pastor, seventeen members, on the first Sunday of the month.

—The Junior Bands of the Women's foreign missionary union of New Orleans Presbytery met in the Third Church, Saturday afternoon, April 10. The attendance was the largest ever known in the union's ten years' history. Nine bands are in the organization. The minister of the Third Church acted as host and led the devotional exercises. A delightful program was given. The leaders of the Junior Bands, Miss Armistead and Mrs. Bogle, deserve great credit for these instructive exercises.

—Rev. H. W. Burwell, of the Napoleon Avenue Church, has declined the call recently given him by the church at Monroe, N. C.

—Missionary Union: The meeting of